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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

In connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- ☒ Amendment (15 pages)
- ☒ Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 month) (2 pages)
- ☒ Letter to Official Draftsperson (2 pages)
- ☒ Figures 3 and 4 Marked in Red Ink (2 sheets)
- ☒ Figures 1 -7, with Corrected Figures 3 and 4 (4 sheets)
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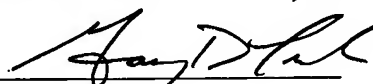
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	26	25	1	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	18.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$140.00	\$280.00	-0-
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* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"						

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Enclosed herewith are copies of FIGS. 1-7 to replace original FIGS. 1-7.

FIG. 3 has been amended by replacing one of the numeric identifiers "19" with "21a" and replacing numeric identifier "21" with "21b" to identify respective open and closed positions 21a and 21b. With these amendments, FIG. 3 now has one numeric identifier 19 identifying the depression or concavity, and the open and closed positions are identified with their own numeric identifiers, consistent with the specification. (FIG. 3; p. 3, lines 12-16).

FIG. 4 has also been amended by replacing original numeric identifiers "17" and "19" with "16" and "18" to identify the first and second members. Numeric identifiers "17" and "19" were also added to correctly identify the depressions or concavities of respective members 16, 18. The specification has been amended to consistently refer to members and depressions or

concavities, consistent with the application as originally filed. (FIGS. 3 and 4; p. 3, lines 10-16; p. 3, line 33 – p. 4, line 7).

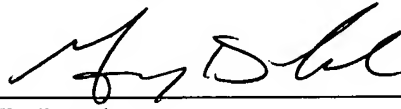
A copy of FIGS. 3 and 4 showing the changes in red ink is also enclosed. It is requested that this amended drawing be reviewed and approved by the Examiner.

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